St Nicholas – Stevenage

Statement of Significance - Display screens 2026

We have 6 large TV screens in our church, all of which were installed as part of our major refurbishment 7 years ago. We would like to:

- Increase the number of screens by one- so the service leader has a much better sight of a screen (currently, they cannot see it properly).
- Change the bracket on one screen to tilt it so that the musicians can see a screen more easily.
- Change the brackets on the remaining screens to give us flexibility of use of the space.

Currently one display screen that when installed in 2019 was intended for both the musicians and the service leader to use, so it was placed accordingly. However, that has never worked well. Due to its angle and proximity, some musicians cannot see it and the service leader has to turn around to look at the screen behind them to follow what is going on.

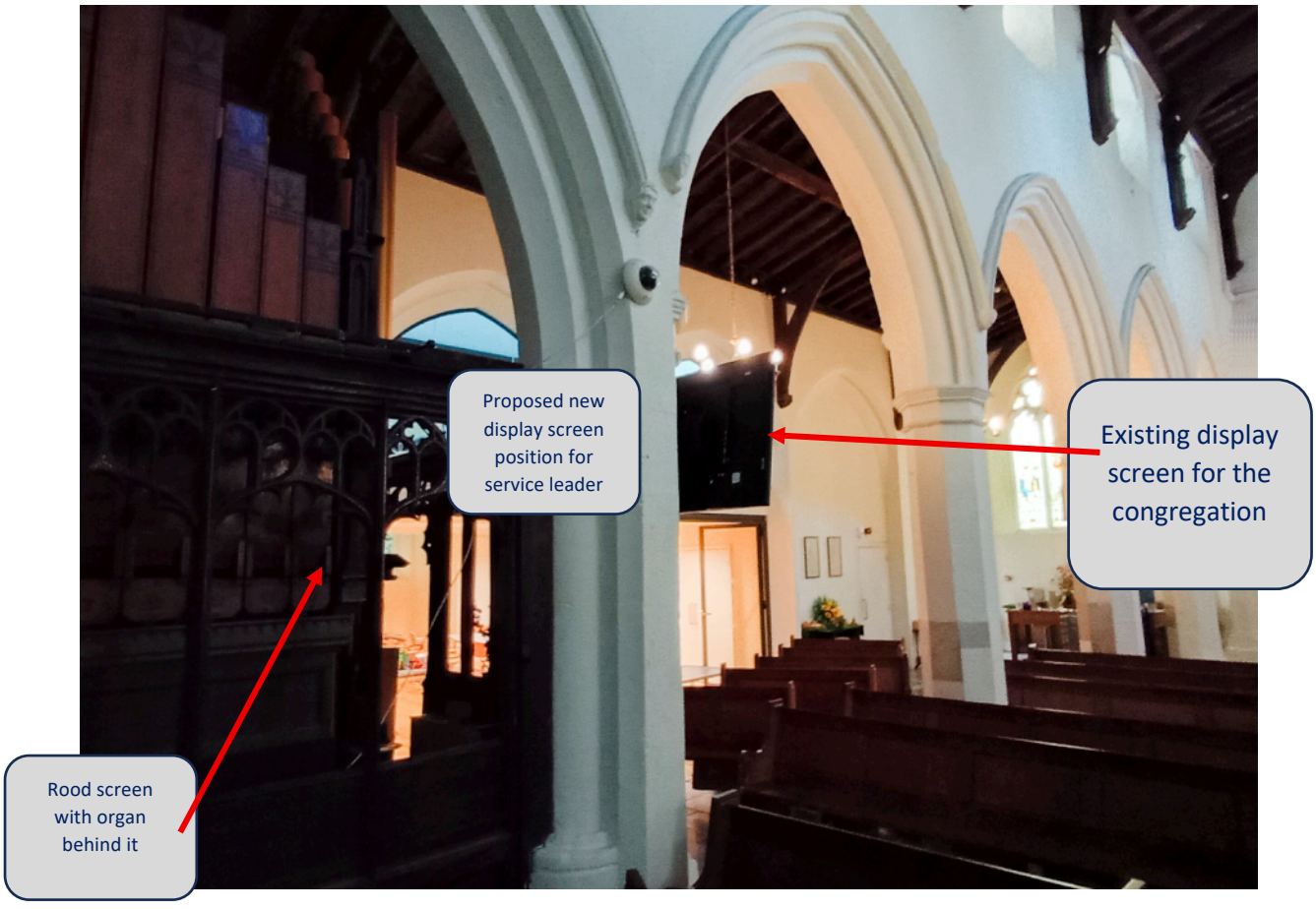
Picture 1 Shows the angle the service leader is in relation to the screen making it difficult for them to see it.



Picture 2 Showing the angle for some of the musicians making it difficult for them to read the screen



Picture 3 Shows where a new display screen would be placed to give the service leader a view of a screen



For safety reasons, the new screen would be placed at the same height as the congregation's screen already attached to the pillar.

A smaller screen approx. (c30"- 36") would be used so as to meet the needs of the service leader, but not block the view of the congregation.

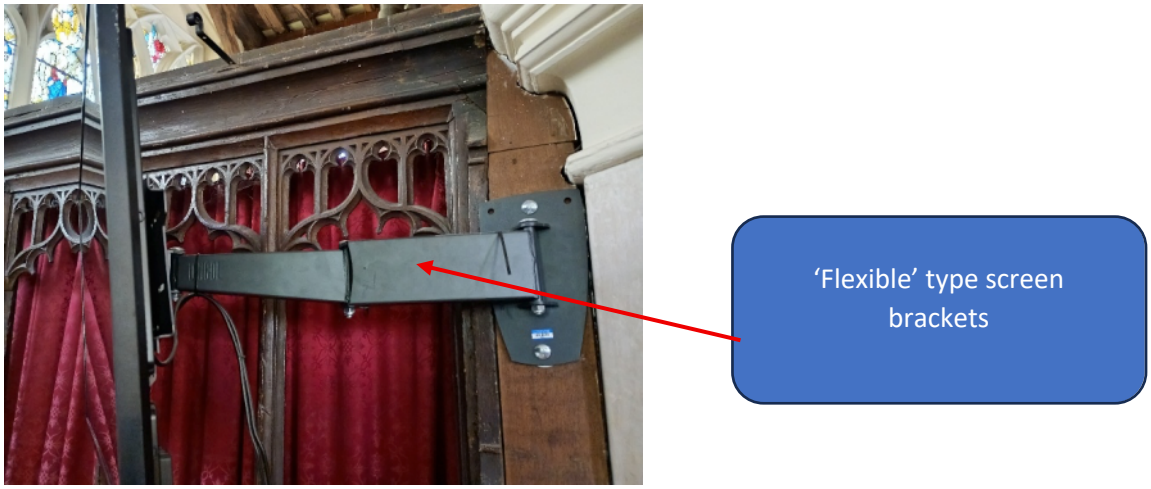
Picture 4 Shows detail of where the new display screen would be attached

The new screen would be attached through the existing piece of ply wood which was installed as part of the 2019 refurbishment and into an existing wooden post used that appears to have been installed to fill the gap between the pillar and the wooden screen by the organ. The existing ply wood and the existing wooden posts are 'new' wood and would therefore have no historical value. There would be no drilling into ancient wood nor the stone pillar. This process of attachment was used for one of the screens during the 2019 refurbishment.

The new screen would use the same electrical and HD cabling supply. A screen splitter already exists, making installation very simple and cause no damage to historical aspects.



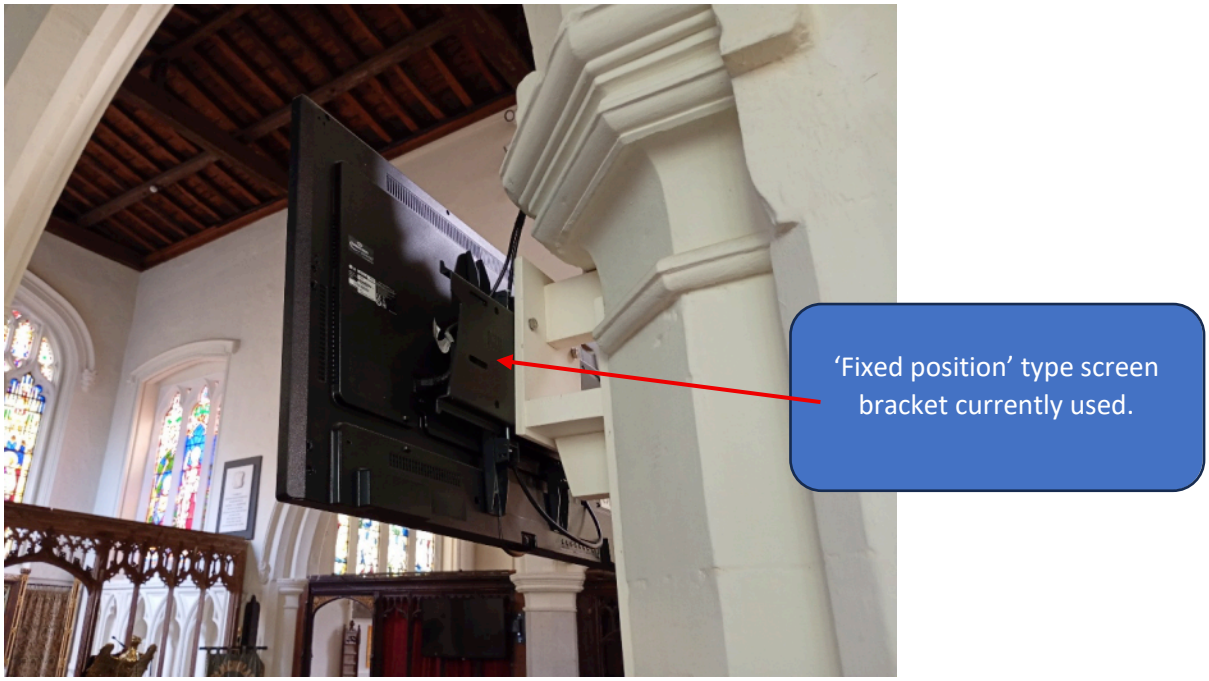
Picture 5 shows the existing bracket type used on one screen and the proposed bracket type to attach the new screen.



As part of the 2019 refurbishment one of the display screens (by the communion area) was installed with a flexible bracket, allowing it to be moved to enable the congregation to see it easily and to move it when communion was taking place. It is also used for our children's singing club and tilted to a different position then. We propose to use this type of bracket to attach the new display screen. This picture also shows how the proposed new display screen would look when attached- through the 2019 ply wood and in between the rood screen and the stone pillar, neither of which would be drilled into to attach the new display screen.

Musicians screen bracket change

Picture 6 shows the existing 'fixed position' bracket type for the existing display screen which is currently used by the musicians (and service leader).



We would also like to change the bracket on the display screen used by the music team to also have a flexible bracket. This would enable it to be tilted to give some singers a much better view. It would also allow it to be turned when used by the children’s singing club so all the children could see the screen.

New flexible brackets for all screens

Finally, we would also like to change the brackets on the remaining 5 screens from the ‘fixed position type’ to the ‘flexible’ type Each would be attached through the existing wooden plates that were installed as part of the 2019 refurbishment. It would give us greater flexibility of the use of our space and would not change any existing aspect of the historical feel of the space.

Fixed bracket type	Flexible bracket type
	

Picture 7 shows the proposed change of brackets for all 5 remaining display screens to give greater flexibility while maintaining the existing fabric of the building.